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Daily Walks

When the weather is sunny, nothing beats going for a nice stroll with your dog. Summer time walks are perfect for our furry friends because, after the winter season, it feels good to stretch tight muscles and get some vitamin D.

Picnics in the Park

On a nice sunny day, take some of your favorite treats, your dog's favorite treats, a bottle of water, and go enjoy a picnic in the park! You and your dog can enjoy the fresh air, the warm sunshine, and maybe even meet new friends. Going to the park can help improve your dog's socialization skills and help with leash training.





Indoor Bird Watching

When it starts to get warmer, open a screened window for your cat near an area of your house that tends to attract birds and other wildlife. Let them enjoy the free show and get excited watching the birds at play.

Sunbathing

Sunshine feels so good on our indoor cats. Find a sunny spot in your house and place a small blanket there for your cat. Sit nearby with a good book or magazine. Your cat will love having you close, and the sunshine will feel wonderful on their fur.



Be Mindful of Summer Safety!

Summer brings many enjoyable activities like walks and picnics, but it also presents some challenges for pet owners, such as parasites, hot pavement and pets that like to escape. It's important to know how best to protect our pets and keep them safe during the summer.



Microchipping

Warmer weather often means more time outdoors for our pets, which, while enjoyable, also increases the risk of them escaping or getting lost. Microchipping your dog or cat is crucial for ensuring their safe return home should they ever become lost. If your pet is found by animal control or a concerned citizen, a quick scan of their microchip will provide immediate identification and your contact information. If your pet isn't microchipped, please schedule an appointment with us. Microchipping provides peace of mind, significantly increasing the chances of your beloved companion being returned home safely.

Hot Pavement

As the weather warms and the sun intensifies, the ground, especially pavement, can become extremely hot. When walking your dog, it's best to let them walk on grassy areas whenever possible, as pavement can quickly become too hot for their paws. Even when the air temperature is between 60 and 70 degrees, pavement temperatures can reach around 115 degrees. Protecting your dog's paws from burns is essential. A good rule of thumb is: if the pavement is too hot for your bare feet, it's likely too hot for your dog's paws.

